

TRAINING MODULE 19

STUDY PLAN

Discharge Reviews; Correction of Military Records

Objective:

To learn how to assist a claimant request a change or upgrade in the character of his or her discharge from service, and how to request other corrections of the military record when necessary.

References:

38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 3, §§ 3.12, 3.360; Part 17, §17.47; Part 21, § 21.7042.

VA Pamphlet 80-06-01, *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*.

Instructions:

Study the assigned reference materials to learn the procedures for requesting review or correction of a claimant's discharge or other military records.

Summary:

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY 38 CFR §§ 3.360 AND 17.47(A)(2) FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, and 38 CFR § 21.7042(a)(4)(ii) for Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill) education benefits, eligibility for VA benefits in general requires that the claimant or the person on whose service the claim is based have been discharged from service under honorable conditions. With certain exceptions, an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions is binding upon VA for all benefits purposes. If the discharge was less than honorable, VA will determine if the discharge was under other than dishonorable conditions, so long as it was not issued for any of the reasons constituting a statutory bar to benefits, such as a discharge or dismissal by reason of sentence of a general court-martial, or a resignation of an officer for the good of the service, etc. If VA determines that the discharge was issued under other than dishonorable conditions, the claimant is eligible to proceed with his or her claim for benefits. Otherwise, the claim(s) must be denied.

Persons whose discharge from service was under other than honorable conditions may instead choose to apply for a review and upgrade of the discharge by the Service Department. This may be either by a Discharge Review Board or by a Board for Correction of Military Records. Each is briefly described below.

1. Discharge Review Boards:

EACH OF THE ARMED FORCES HAS ESTABLISHED A DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD UNDER provisions of 10 USC 1553 to review upon application the nature and type of discharge issued in a particular case. The Board is empowered to determine whether the discharge or dismissal in an individual case should be changed, corrected, or modified under reasonable standards of regulations and discipline for that branch of service. The Board does not have the authority to reinstate the applicant to service, nor can the Board change reenlistment codes to permit the applicant to return to service. In addition, if the other than honorable discharge was based on having been AWOL for more than 180 days, a recharacterized discharge by the Discharge Review Board is not necessarily binding upon VA; in such cases, VA must still determine whether there were compelling reasons for the person's absence from duty.

A request for review of a discharge is made by submitting DD Form 293, *Application for Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States*, to the appropriate discharge review board, at the address listed on the form. (See the sample application on pages 19-4 and 19-5.) The applicant must specify what change or recharacterization is required, and why it is necessary. Supporting documentation, including statements from witnesses, may be submitted either with the application or at any time up to the time the Board meets to consider the application.

The application must be filed not later than 15 years after the discharge or dismissal from service. This time limit may not be waived. If more than 15 years have elapsed since discharge or dismissal, the applicant must file DD Form 149, *Application for Correction of Military Record Under Provisions of Title 10, U.S.C., Section 1552*, with the appropriate Board for Correction of Military Records, as described below.

Discharge Review Boards conduct hearings for applicants to personally plead their cases and provide additional evidence, if desired. All of the Boards hold hearings in Washington, DC. In addition, the Army and the Air Force have traveling review boards, which conduct personal hearings in various cities in each state. The Navy and Marine Corps Boards conduct personal hearings outside Washington, DC only in Arlington, Virginia; Dallas, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; and San Francisco, California. Applicants are entitled to representation of their choice, including representation by a veterans' service organization.

2. Boards for Correction of Military Records:

THE SECRETARY OF EACH OF THE MILITARY SERVICES IS AUTHORIZED UNDER PROVISIONS of 10 USC 1552 to establish a board to correct any military record, for the purpose of correcting an error in the record or to correct an injustice. Correction of a military record may include review of a discharge that was directed by a court-martial. A recharacterization of a discharge by a Board for Correction of Military Records as "honorable" or "general, under honorable conditions" is final and binding on VA for all veterans' benefits purposes.

To apply for correction of a military record, DD Form 149, *Application for Correction of Military Record Under Provisions of Title 10, U.S.C., Section 1552*, must be filed with the Board at the address listed on the form. See the sample application on pages 19-6 and 19-7.) All supporting documentation, including statements from witnesses, briefs of arguments, or any other evidence, must accompany the application as a complete package. The Board will not accept any additional evidence filed subsequently, except under the most extraordinary circumstances.

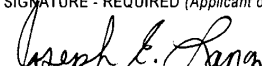
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The application may be filed by the veteran or former service member, his or her survivors, or a legal representative. The time limit for filing is three years after the discovery of the alleged error or injustice; however, this time limit may be waived or excused if the Board finds that it would be in the interests of justice to do so. It is the applicant's responsibility to explain why the application should be considered despite the delay, and to show why the alleged entry in, or omission from, the record was erroneous or unjust.

Boards for Correction of Military Records do not normally hold personal hearings for the applicants. The Board will review the evidence and documentation submitted and will determine if a hearing would be necessary or appropriate, and if so, will notify the applicant accordingly. If the Board determines that a personal hearing is necessary and appropriate, the hearing will be conducted in Washington, DC.

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SAMPLE COPY

APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES <i>(Please read instructions on Pages 3 and 4 BEFORE completing this application.)</i>		<i>Form Approved OMB No. 0704-0004 Expires Aug 31, 2006</i>	
The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Department of Defense, Executive Services and Communications Directorate (0704-0004). Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR FORM TO THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS ON BACK OF THIS PAGE.			
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT			
AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 1553; E.O. 9397. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To apply for a change in the characterization or reason for military discharge issued to an individual. ROUTINE USE(S): None. DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide identifying information may impede processing of this application. The request for Social Security Number is strictly to assure proper identification of the individual and appropriate records.			
1. APPLICANT DATA <i>(The person whose discharge is to be reviewed). PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION.</i>			
a. BRANCH OF SERVICE <i>(X one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD			
b. NAME <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i> Joseph E. Lang		c. GRADE/RANK AT DISCHARGE E-1	
d. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 456-78-9321			
2. DATE OF DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION <i>(YYYYMMDD) (If date is more than 15 years ago, submit a DD Form 149)</i> 08/06/1972		4. DISCHARGE CHARACTERIZATION RECEIVED <i>(X one)</i>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> HONORABLE <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS	
3. UNIT AND LOCATION AT DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION Travis AFB, CA		<input type="checkbox"/> BAD CONDUCT <i>(Special court-martial only)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> UNCHARACTERIZED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>(Explain)</i>	
5. BOARD ACTION REQUESTED <i>(X one)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE TO HONORABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHANGE TO GENERAL UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE TO UNCHARACTERIZED <i>(Not applicable for Air Force)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION TO:			
6. ISSUES: WHY AN UPGRADE OR CHANGE IS REQUESTED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUEST <i>(Continue in Item 14. See instructions on Page 3.)</i> DISCHARGE WAS BASED ON MISCONDUCT WHICH NEVER OCCURRED. MY DISCHARGE WAS BASED ON ALLEGED AWOL. ALTHOUGH ABSENT, I WAS NOT AWOL, BUT ON APPROVED LEAVE. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 1 FOR THE INFORMATION REGARDING ISSUE 1)			
7. <i>(X if applicable)</i> AN APPLICATION WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ON <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i> _____ AND THIS FORM IS SUBMITTED TO ADD ADDITIONAL ISSUES, JUSTIFICATION, OR EVIDENCE.			
8. IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION, THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE: <i>(Continue in Item 17. If military documents or medical records are relevant to your case, please send copies.)</i> 1) Personal Statement 2) Letter, American Red Cross, Dated January 4, 1972 3) Medical Condition - Physical profile, dated 06/25/1972			
9. TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED <i>(X one)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> CONDUCT A RECORD REVIEW OF MY DISCHARGE BASED ON MY MILITARY PERSONNEL FILE AND ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY ME. I AND/OR <i>(counsel/representative)</i> WILL NOT APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I AND/OR <i>(counsel/representative)</i> WISH TO APPEAR AT A HEARING AT NO EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AND/OR <i>(counsel/representative)</i> WISH TO APPEAR AT A HEARING AT NO EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE A TRAVELING PANEL CLOSEST TO <i>(enter city and state)</i> OAKLAND, CA <i>(NOTE: The Navy Discharge Review Board does not have a traveling panel.)</i>			
10. a. COUNSEL/REPRESENTATIVE <i>(If any) NAME</i> <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i> AND ADDRESS <i>(See Item 10 of the instructions about counsel/representative.)</i>		b. TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
		c. E-MAIL	
		d. FAX NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
11. APPLICANT MUST SIGN IN ITEM 13a. BELOW. If the record in question is that of a deceased or incompetent person, LEGAL PROOF OF DEATH OR INCOMPETENCY MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION. If the application is signed by other than the applicant, indicate the name <i>(print)</i> and relationship by marking a box below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER <input type="checkbox"/> NEXT OF KIN <input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>(Specify)</i>			
12a. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT OR PERSON ABOVE <i>(Forward notification of any change in address.)</i> Joseph E. Lang 2703 Pegg Street Valley Springs, CA 95300		b. TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i> (209) 555-1212 c. E-MAIL jelang@myinternet.aaa d. FAX NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i> (209) 555-1212	
13. CERTIFICATION. I make the foregoing statements, as part of my claim, with full knowledge of the penalties involved for willfully making a false statement or claim. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Sections 287 and 1001, provide that an individual shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.)		CASE NUMBER <i>(Do not write in this space.)</i>	
a. SIGNATURE - REQUIRED <i>(Applicant or person in Item 11 above)</i> 		b. DATE SIGNED - REQUIRED <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i> 2005-01-07	

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14. CONTINUATION OF ITEM 6, ISSUES (If applicable)	
15. CONTINUATION OF ITEM 8, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (If applicable)	
16. REMARKS (If applicable)	
MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO APPROPRIATE ADDRESS BELOW.	
ARMY Army Review Boards Agency Support Division, St. Louis 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5200 (See http://arba.army.pentagon.mil)	NAVY AND MARINE CORPS Naval Council of Personnel Boards 720 Kennon Street, S.E. Room 309 (NDRB) Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023
AIR FORCE Air Force Review Boards Agency SAF/MRBR 550-C Street West, Suite 40 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4742	COAST GUARD U.S. Coast Guard Commandant (G-WPM) 2100 Second Street, S.W. Room 5500 Washington, DC 20593

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SAMPLE COPY

APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1552 <i>(Please read instructions on reverse side BEFORE completing this application.)</i>		<i>Form Approved</i> OMB No. 0704-0003 Expires May 31, 2006	
The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Department of Defense, Executive Services and Communications Directorate (0704-0003). Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.			
PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.			
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT			
AUTHORITY: Title 10 US Code 1552, EO 9397. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To initiate an application for correction of military record. The form is used by Board members for review of pertinent information in making a determination of relief through correction of a military record.		ROUTINE USE(S): None. DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide identifying information may impede processing of this application. The request for Social Security number is strictly to assure proper identification of the individual and appropriate records.	
1. APPLICANT DATA <i>(The person whose record you are requesting to be corrected.)</i>			
a. BRANCH OF SERVICE (X one) <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD			
b. NAME (Print - Last, First, Middle Initial) LONG, Joseph E.		c. PRESENT OR LAST PAY GRADE E-8	d. SERVICE NUMBER (If applicable) e. SSN 23 945 78 456-78-9312
2. PRESENT STATUS WITH RESPECT TO THE ARMED SERVICES (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Retired, Discharged, Deceased) RETIRED		3. TYPE OF DISCHARGE (If by court-martial, state the type of court.) Honorable	4. DATE OF DISCHARGE OR RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (YYYYMMDD) 1966-11-16
5. I REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ERROR OR INJUSTICE IN THE RECORD BE CORRECTED: <i>(Entry required)</i> <div style="text-align: center;"> CORRECT DD-214 TO SHOW BATTLE STARS - ENGAGEMENTS WHILE IN KOREA (14 MAY 1950 TO 9 MAY 1951) </div>			
6. I BELIEVE THE RECORD TO BE IN ERROR OR UNJUST FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: <i>(Entry required)</i> The record does not show the Battles engaged in while aboard the USS Consolation from 14 August 1950 to 9 May 1951. Our ship was involved in 6 engagements: (1) Pusan 8/1950; (2) Inchon 9/1950; (3) Wosan 12/1950; (4) Inchon 2/1951; (5) 12/1950; (6) 12/1950.			
7. ORGANIZATION AND APPROXIMATE DATE (YYYYMMDD) AT THE TIME THE ALLEGED ERROR OR INJUSTICE IN THE RECORD OCCURRED <i>(Entry required)</i> USS CONSOLATION			
8. DISCOVERY OF ALLEGED ERROR OR INJUSTICE			
a. DATE OF DISCOVERY (YYYYMMDD) 11/05/2003		b. IF MORE THAN THREE YEARS SINCE THE ALLEGED ERROR OR INJUSTICE WAS DISCOVERED, STATE WHY THE BOARD SHOULD FIND IT IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION.	
9. IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION, I SUBMIT AS EVIDENCE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED DOCUMENTS. <i>(If military documents or medical records are pertinent to your case, please send copies. If Veterans Affairs records are pertinent, give regional office location and claim number.)</i>			
10. I DESIRE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. <i>(At no expense to the Government)</i> (X one) <input type="checkbox"/> YES. THE BOARD WILL DETERMINE IF WARRANTED <input type="checkbox"/> NO. CONSIDER MY APPLICATION BASED ON RECORDS AND EVIDENCE.			
11a. COUNSEL (If any) NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) and ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code)		b. TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) c. E-MAIL ADDRESS d. FAX NUMBER (Include Area Code)	
12. APPLICANT MUST SIGN IN ITEM 15 BELOW. If the record in question is that of a deceased or incompetent person, LEGAL PROOF OF DEATH OR INCOMPETENCY MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION. If the application is signed by other than the applicant, indicate the name (print) and relationship by marking one box below. <input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER <input type="checkbox"/> NEXT OF KIN <input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)			
13a. COMPLETE CURRENT ADDRESS (Include ZIP code) OF APPLICANT OR PERSON IN ITEM 12 ABOVE <i>(Forward notification of all changes of address.)</i> 6606 Holly Springs Rd. Valley Springs, CA 95600		b. TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) (209) 555-1212 c. E-MAIL ADDRESS NONE d. FAX NUMBER (Include Area Code) (209) 555-1212	
14. I MAKE THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS, AS PART OF MY CLAIM, WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PENALTIES INVOLVED FOR WILLFULLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT OR CLAIM. <i>(U.S. Code, Title 18, Sections 287 and 100 1, provide that an individual shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.)</i>		CASE NUMBER <i>(Do not write in this space.)</i>	
15. SIGNATURE <i>(Applicant must sign here.)</i> 		16. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD) 2005-01-03	

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. All information should be typed or printed. Complete all applicable items. If the item is not applicable, enter "None."
2. If space is insufficient on the front of the form, use the "Remarks" box below for additional information or attach an additional sheet.
3. List all attachments and enclosures in item 9. Do not send original documents. Send clear, legible copies. Send copies of military documents and orders related to your request, if you have them available. Do not assume that they are all in your military record.
4. The applicant must exhaust all administrative remedies, such as corrective procedures and appeals provided in regulations, before applying to the Board of Corrections.
5. ITEM 5. State the specific correction of record desired. If possible, identify exactly what document or information in your record you believe to be erroneous or unjust and indicate what correction you want made to the document or information.
6. ITEM 6. In order to justify correction of a military record, it is necessary for you to show to the satisfaction of the Board by the evidence that you supply, or it must otherwise satisfactorily appear in the record, that the alleged entry or omission in the record was in error or unjust. Evidence, in addition to documents, may include affidavits or signed testimony of witnesses, executed under oath, and a brief of arguments supporting the application. All evidence not already included in your record must be submitted by you. The responsibility of securing evidence rests with you.
7. ITEM 8. U.S. Code, Title 10, Section 1552b, provides that no correction may be made unless a request is made within three years after the discovery of the error or injustice, but that the Board may excuse failure to file within three years after discovery if it finds it to be in the interest of justice.
8. ITEM 10. Personal appearance before the Board by you and your witnesses or representation by counsel is not required to ensure full and impartial consideration of your application. If the Board determines that a personal appearance is warranted and grants approval, appearance and representation are permitted before the Board at no expense to the government.
9. ITEM 11. Various veterans and service organizations furnish counsel without charge. These organizations prefer that arrangements for representation be made through local posts or chapters.
10. ITEM 12. The person whose record correction is being requested must sign the application. If that person is deceased or incompetent to sign, the application may be signed by a spouse, widow, widower, next of kin (son, daughter, mother, father, brother, or sister), or a legal representative that has been given power of attorney. Other persons may be authorized to sign for the applicant. Proof of death, incompetency, or power of attorney must accompany the application. Former spouses may apply in cases of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) issues.
11. For detailed information on application and Board procedures, see: Army Regulation 15-185 and www.arba.army.pentagon.mil; Navy - SECNAVINST 5420.193 and www.hq.navy.mil/bcncr/bcncr.htm; Air Force Instruction 36-2603, Air Force Pamphlet 36-2607, and www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/safmibr; Coast Guard - Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33, Part 52.

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO APPROPRIATE ADDRESS BELOW

<p style="text-align: center;">ARMY</p> <p>(For Active Duty Personnel) Army Board for Correction of Military Records 1 941 Jefferson Davis Highway, 2nd Floor Arlington, VA 22202-4508</p> <p>(For Other than Active Duty Personnel) Army Review Boards Agency Support Division, St. Louis 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5200</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NAVY AND MARINE CORPS</p> <p>Board for Correction of Naval Records 2 Navy Annex Washington, DC 20370-5100</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AIR FORCE</p> <p>Board for Correction of Air Force Records SAF/MRBR 550-C Street West, Suite 40 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4742</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COAST GUARD</p> <p>Board for Correction of Military Records of the Coast Guard (C-60) Room 41 00 Department of Transportation 400 7th St., SW Washington, DC 20590</p>

17. REMARKS

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Study Questions:

Using the assigned references and reading materials, answer the following questions:

- 1.** Name the VA benefit that may not be authorized if the veteran's discharge from service was general, under honorable conditions.
 - a.** Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
 - b.** Civilian Health and Medical Program, VA (CHAMPVA)
 - c.** Veteran's Education Assistance under 38 U.S. Code, Chapter 30 (MGIB)
 - d.** Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)

- 2.** Under certain circumstances, VA may still authorize monetary benefits even if a claimant's discharge from service was issued under other than honorable conditions.
(T/F)

- 3.** Which VA benefit may be authorized even if the person's discharge from service was under other than honorable conditions, so long as it was not a bad conduct discharge or for one of the reasons constituting a statutory bar?
 - a.** Vocational Rehabilitation
 - b.** Health care for a service-related disability
 - c.** Burial allowance, including plot/interment allowance
 - d.** None

- 4.** The absolute time limit for application to a Discharge Review Board for upgrading the character of a discharge is:
 - a.** Five (5) years after discharge from service.
 - b.** Ten (10) years after discharge from service.
 - c.** Fifteen (15) years after discharge from service.
 - d.** There is no time limit for application to review the character of discharge from service.

- 5.** Even if the Discharge Review Board upgrades the character of a discharge to "General, under honorable conditions," this is not necessarily binding upon VA in all cases.
(T/F)

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- 6.** Can a Discharge Review Board order that an applicant be allowed to re-enter service?
(Y/N)
- 7.** VA is required to review any upgraded discharge that was based on periods of absence without leave (AWOL) of 180 days or more, even if the recharacterization was by the Board for Correction of Military Records.
(T/F)
- 8.** Application for correction of a military record must ordinarily be made not later than three years after the claimed error in the record is discovered. Can this time limit be waived?
(Y/N)
- 9.** On application, a Board for Correction of Military Records will schedule a personal hearing for the applicant to personally plead his or her case.
(T/F)
- 10.** All evidence and documentation in support of an application for correction of a military record, including statements from witnesses and briefs of arguments, must be submitted accompanying the application, or the Board for Correction of Military Records will not accept it.
(T/F)